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## **Court of Appeals upholds conviction in bow and arrow murder**

The State Court of Appeals has upheld the murder conviction of Thomas Sirico, the Mastic man convicted of fatally shooting an arrow into the chest of a father of three during a confrontation outside his home on Monroe Street in January of 2006.

The majority in a 6-1 decision wrote "...there is insufficient evidence to support an inference that defendant was so intoxicated as to be unable to form the requisite criminal intent. Indeed, the uncontradicted record evidence, including defendant's own account, supports the conclusion that his overall behavior on the day of the incident was purposeful. Accordingly, defendant was not entitled to an intoxication charge".

Sirico's attorneys had argued the defendant was drunk when he fired the arrow at Juan Carlos Munoz, striking the victim in the heart and killing him. Sirico's intoxication, they argued, would have interfered with his ability to form the necessary criminal intent to commit murder.

District Attorney Thomas Spota said Sirico knew what he was doing when he fired the arrow that killed the victim.

"We are pleased the court found that the evidence amply established that defendant was conscious of his purposeful and deliberate actions", District Attorney Spota said.

Sirico, 39, is serving 25 years to life in prison in the Upstate Correctional Facility in Malone, New York.



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